

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Cannon, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2009, part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090622. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to December 24, 2009. The appropriate petition fee of \$555 is enclosed herewith. Please enter the following amendments to the application in order to place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal.

Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: